

Breakfast . . .

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M. Eastham, co-chairmen of this meeting, state that no candidates will be allowed to make any public utterances. Because of the interest in the forthcoming election, all candidates have been invited to attend and be introduced for the benefit of those present. Special feature of the program will be organ music played as a tribute to the first day of Spring which is date of this breakfast meeting. Baird, recognized as one of the Southland's leading speakers, will discuss "Panhandle to the San Joaquin." He is featured on both radio and television and currently is heard Monday through Friday at 6:30 p.m. on KABC. Reservations may be made now by calling the Chamber of Commerce, FAirfax 8-2812.

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Delinquency . . .

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zens because they had good fathers and mothers. Riches has nothing to do with quality. An overprivileged child is underprivileged worse than any slum child. "The best which parents can give their children is not money but time!" Solomon emphasized. **Types of Parents** He singled out three types of parents, who are causal factors in delinquency: 1) criminal parents, 2) those who would like to do the right thing but can't (because they are physically, mentally, socially, or physiologically unable), and, most important, 3) the ordinary, normal parent who could do the right thing but doesn't. "We are failing all over the land in coping with the problem of delinquency," Solomon said further. "There is not one commission working on prevention. They are all working on correction." This is good and necessary, he said, but correction "isn't preventing delinquency. It is only preventing its repetition." **Fallacies** Solomon attacked a number of fallacies usually circulated about the causes of delinquency: 1. Playgrounds and recreation, he said, are not the answer to delinquency, since the delinquent child is never reached by these activities. 2. "Churches are the biggest failures in youth work," he claimed. "What use is a good gospel if the seats are empty. Most churches are not trained in youth work." 3. Comics, divorce, slums, movies, TV are made the scape goats for delinquency. "Long before we had these things we had delinquency," Solomon explained. "Divorce does not have as great a bearing on delinquency as is frequently claimed. In the last 10 years divorces have gone down yet delinquency has doubled. I don't like divorces, but a battlefield is not good to grow up on . . . one good parent is better than two fighting ones." 4. Delinquency is not the major youth problem. "There is a much bigger youth problem than delinquency, one that we never hear anything about," he said. "Forty-five per cent of all youngsters drop out of school before graduation—that's our biggest youth problem." 5. Rebuilding slum areas into attractive communities. That is not the solution to delinquency, he maintained, because people's character must change before conditions can. 6. Make the community a fit place to live in for all children. "I doubt if this will affect sub-culture people."

Where Prevention Starts Calling for prevention rather than cure, Solomon said that prevention must start at birth and in the grade schools. "Once youngsters are in high school it is too late." "We must find all the vulnerable children, and then examine, diagnose, and treat them," he proposed. Solomon mentioned a wide variety of means and methods of coping with delinquency: police patrol (bringing back the sidewalk cop); special police officer out of uniform working on prevention; more probation officers; enforcement of the curfew ordinance (said to be able to stop 65% of grand theft cases among juveniles); modified curfew; parental home counseling; more adult volunteers in all fields affecting juveniles; school camp for 15-year-olds and up (play, learn and earn); working to keep drop-outs in school; going after stay-aways and involving them in organized activities; developing juvenile delinquency prevention specialists. Solomon's appearance was sponsored by the Torrance Coordinating Council and Torrance Recreation Department.

Scholarship . . .

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rector of personnel for the Torrance district, reported. "We have already recruited 15 outstanding teachers from this community through this scholarship program," Morton said. Persons who hold a bachelor's degree at least two years old at the time of application may be employed to serve as Torrance teachers for one year. "They must meet the requirements for admission to graduate study at SC. Those receiving the scholarships will have tuition expenses paid at SC while qualifying for a teaching credential, Morton said. They will attend the full summer session this year, and while employed as regular teachers during the 1956-57 school term, will attend classes at the university on Saturday mornings. During the following summer, the candidates will complete work for the teaching credential. "Members of other professions who desire a career in education and college graduates who have not used their degrees profes-

Shooting . . .

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The car's ownership was traced to Robert Morales, 18, of 10929 Kenney st., Norwalk. Morales was jailed on suspicion of armed robbery and gave officers Helen's hotel address in Compton and a description of his auto. Police officers and deputy sheriff's autos cornered Helen's auto on Alameda st., near 134th st., and arrested Helen and a passenger, Joe Duron, 29, of 130 E. Winona st., described by police as an ex-convict. Duron was booked at Compton police station on suspicion of armed robbery. Officers said Helen confessed to participating in a number of holdups this year and on one occasion firing a shot at a pursuing witness. **CASH! JOBS! SALES!** They are all listed in the Torrance Press Classified Section. The section where results pay off! sionally have constituted our main source of candidates," concluded Morton.

Scouts Hold Award Dinner

Seventeen scouts of Troop 372 met their tenderfoot requirements at a get-acquainted dinner at the Carl Steele school auditorium recently. The ceremony was opened with the color guard and the pledge to the flag. Investitures were made by Scoutmaster Warren Pancake, and badges were given to the parents by Assistant Scoutmaster Keller Lottermoser. They in turn pinned the badges on their sons. The following scouts made tenderfoot: Donald Bell, Robert Bisou, Bob Busshaus, Jim

Cairns, David Haley, Homer Henry, Dennis Hogue, Garland Holt, Richard Lottermoser, David Messna, Michael Shawgo, Bill Shenkel, Kenneth Shenkel, Howard Sliker, Jimmy Smith, Richard Williams, Gary Wright. The ceremony was closed with the troop yell and everyone joining in the singing of "God Bless America."

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would have to be raised through a bond issue which would be submitted to the voters for approval. The condemnation proceedings which are necessary to hold the land until the matter is put to a public vote would only cost the city about \$150, it was pointed out. The 90 acres have been estimated to cost around \$1 million.

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